



Office of Historic Preservation Director

Shannon Shea Miller, AICP

Shanon Shea Miller, AICP, became the City's Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) in November 2008. With Shanon's leadership, the OHP staffs the Historic and Design Review Commission, oversees the implementation of the 2009 Strategic Historic Preservation Plan and launched the S.T.A.R. (Students Together Achieving Revitalization) Project. The extensive public education and outreach program received a Downtown BEST Award in 2011 and the NAPC Best Practice Award in 2012. Shanon worked with a volunteer committee in 2012 to form the Power of Preservation Foundation and to host the first formal fundraising gala—the Power of Preservation PROMenade at the Mission Road Power Plant.

Ms. Miller came to us from the City of Franklin, Tennessee, where she served as the Historic Preservation Officer for just over five years and as the Interim Planning Director for a portion of that time. In this role working with the Historic Zoning Commission, she was involved in the designation of many new historic districts, the purchase and planning for the largest battlefield reclamation in the US, the purchase and rehabilitation of a 200-acre, National Register horse farm to be opened as a City park, the design of a comprehensive heritage tourism wayfinding system and the implementation of the Civil War Trails Program. She also served as chair of the City's Battlefield Task Force and directed an annual event commemorating the Battle of Franklin. In her position, she also served as a City appointee to the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and as an appointed member of the Tennessee Historical Commission's State Review Board. Ms. Peterson also served for four years as an adjunct professor teaching a course on the philosophy of historic preservation at O'More College of Design in Franklin.

Prior to moving to Franklin, Shanon served as the Historic Preservation Officer in Fort Worth, Texas, where she directed the overall preservation program. A major highlight of her time there was serving as project manager for a nine-month Citywide Historic Preservation Plan process. The plan resulted from broad-based community involvement aimed at developing community consensus around preservation priorities.

Education

- Masters of Arts in Historic Preservation--Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland
- Masters of Public Service and Administration--Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- Bachelors of Arts in History with minors in Economics and Art History--Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky South Texas Community College – Public Service Administration Degree, Phi Theta Kappa Graduate.

Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

- Preservation Action: Chair Elect. PA is the grassroots voice for historic preservation in Washington, D.C.
- Preservation Action Foundation: President.
- Power of Preservation Foundation: Founding Board
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- City of San Antonio Executive Leadership Program
- Leadership America Graduate: 2012
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Board Member.
- Carter House Association: President. The Carter House is a National Historic Landmark historic site that was the epicenter of the Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864.
- Franklin's Charge: Board Member. Franklin's Charge is dedicated to preserving Battle of Franklin sites.
- Williamson County Convention and Visitor's Bureau: Board Member.
- City of Franklin Leadership University: Inaugural class

Personal

Shanon is happily married to Hugh Miller and is fortunate to get to do something every day about which she is passionate: historic preservation and central city revitalization. She also enjoys swimming, travel and exploration, Tennessee Titans football and Kansas Jayhawks basketball.